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SUBJECT: WIESENTHAL ON NON-GERMAN NAZI COLLABORATORS IN US

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1. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN MEDIA JANUARY 16, WIESENTHAL ANNOUNCED JANUARY 15 THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO TURN OVER TO US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LIST OF 62 PERSONS NOW LIVING IN US WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED WAR CRIMES DURING WORLD WAR II, AS NON-GERMAN NAZI COLLABORATORS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND SOVIET UNION. WIESENTHAL INDICATED MATERIAL HE WAS PROVIDING SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO WITHDRAW US CITIZENSHIP FROM PERSONS IN QUESTION. MAJORITY OF PERSONS ON LIST REPORTEDLY CAME ORIGINALLY FROM "RUSSIA, LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN STATES" AND AT TIME OF THEIR IMMIGRATION TO US THEY CLAIMED TO BE REFUGEES FROM COMMUNIST REGIMES. WIESENTHAL ALSO NOTED SOME OF PERSONS ON LIST ARE NOW WORKING IN VARIOUS US
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2. COMMENT: EMBASSY, INCLUDING INS UNIT, HAS NOT BEEN
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